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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Claims 3-30 and 32-42 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 3-11, 14, 17-25, 28, and 32-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,686,911 to Levin et al. (Levin).

Claims 4, 17, and 32 include "a visual indicator to identify a knob of the plurality of knobs used to control the selection." The examiner relies on Levin (column 7, line 32, to column 8, line 26) in rejecting claim 4. Within the text cited by the examiner, Levin discusses various icons and indicators shown on the Levine display. For example, Levin discusses setting icons 46, 47, 48, 49, and 51 that indicate various functions that may be selected by the knobs. In addition, the reference discusses a circular pointer 42 that is indicative of the value of the setting for the knob. Further, the reference talks about a cursor 45 to highlight which function is currently being adjusted. However, nothing within the text discusses *a visual indicator that identifies which knob controls the current selection*. For example, as described in the specification in paragraph [0027], an icon 34 or the geometry 32 of a bar may identify to the user which knob may be manipulated to control that selection. However, this concept is clearly not



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described in Levin and therefore, claims 4, 17, and 32 are not anticipated by Levin as indicated by the examiner.

Claims 3, 5-11, 14, 18-25, 28, and 33-39 depend from claims 4, 17, or 32 and are, therefore, patentable for at least the same reasons given above in support of claims 4, 17, and 32.

Claims 36-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,920,479 to McDowall et al. (McDowall).

Claims 36-39 depend from claim 32 and are, therefore, patentable for at least the same reasons given above in support of claim 32. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 12-13, 15-16, 26-27, and 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Levin '911 in view of McDowall '479.

Claims 12-13, 15-16, 26-27, and 29-30 depend from claims 4 or 17 and are, therefore, patentable for at least the same reasons given above in support of claims 4 and 17. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of

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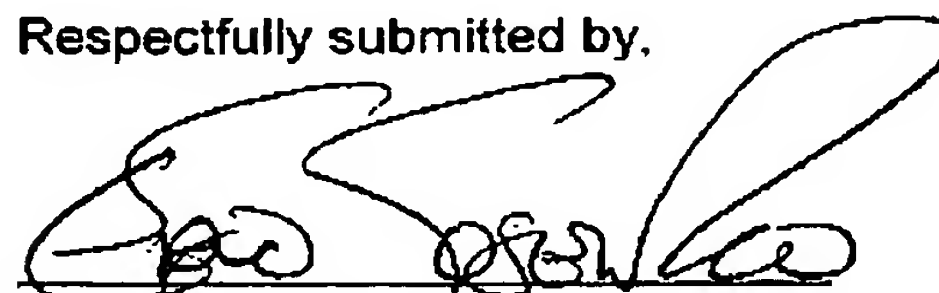
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record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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